



**U.S. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell:**

"In my travels across Kentucky, I routinely hear from constituents about how disastrous Obamacare has been for them and their families. Obamacare's record has been one of broken promises and higher costs. I applaud Governor Bevin for recognizing the unaffordable mess left behind by his predecessor and responding with innovative, common-sense steps to engage patients, improve health and reduce the burden on Kentucky taxpayers."

**Congressman Brett Guthrie:**

"Governor Bevin's Medicaid waiver application is a thoughtful approach to a complex problem. Through a series of reforms, most of which have been tried with success in other states, the Commonwealth can get skyrocketing Medicaid costs under control and ensure the most vulnerable are taken care of. As the Chairman of the House Energy and Commerce Committee's Medicaid Task Force, I have spent the last year focusing on ways to strengthen and improve the Medicaid program. I believe the Governor's approach is a transformational plan to modernize Kentucky's Medicaid program and keep our commitment to the most vulnerable."

**Senate President Robert Stivers:**

"I am glad to see Governor Bevin and his administration putting an emphasis on personal responsibility with regard to Medicaid expansion. These are some ideas we have been talking about in the Senate for several years. I agree that the idea of making individuals have some 'skin in the game' will make for a more sustainable and better healthcare system for Kentucky."

**House Republican Leader Jeff Hoover:**

"Governor Bevin has presented a plan to take care of our most vulnerable, which is the original purpose of Medicaid. Taxpayers simply cannot afford to support one-third of Kentucky's population on Medicaid. Despite the ex-governor's suggestion, when Kentucky's cost share kicks in during 2017, we will not be anywhere close to being able to afford the expansion, falling short by nearly \$250 million, and approaching \$1.2 billion over the next five years."

"The Governor's plan to encourage individual buy-in is the right direction. Kentucky must focus on results-driven health, and a cost-sharing approach, rather than the continued reliance on taxpayer-funded benefits and the further erosion of health that has resulted from Obamacare and Medicaid expansion."

**Michael T. Rust, President and CEO, Kentucky Hospital Association:**

"The Kentucky Hospital Association applauds Governor Bevin for his leadership in presenting a comprehensive plan to transform Kentucky's Medicaid program to achieve better health outcomes for Kentuckians, while also focusing on its financial sustainability. We look forward to working with the Bevin administration in helping to implement this innovative plan."



**Dr. Ralph Alvarado:**

"If Kentucky is going to continue Medicaid expansion, we must do so in a way that is fiscally sustainable for Kentucky and in a way that requires some level of personal responsibility for its recipients. The plan proposed by Governor Bevin does exactly that. It provides Medicaid recipients with a consumer driven health plan similar to what is found in a commercial driven health plan in any commercial insurance market. The plan gives Medicaid enrollees the incentives, dignity and confidence to transition from dependence to independence. This proposal appears to be a more common sense approach that I believe will make our Medicaid system more affordable and consequently sustainable for the future."

**Dave Adkisson, President & CEO, Kentucky Chamber of Commerce:**

"We commend Governor Matt Bevin and his administration for tackling the challenges of Kentucky's Medicaid program.

"The Kentucky Chamber, since the publication of its initial Leaky Bucket report in 2009, has advocated that the Medicaid program be sustainable in order to protect critical state investments in education and other vital programs.

"The Governor's proposal will begin an important public dialogue on this issue, and we will be calling on our members to share their views about the best way forward. We believe it is important to have input from all sectors, especially those representing the health care community."

**Russell F. Cox, President, Norton Healthcare:**

"Norton Healthcare is encouraged by Governor Bevin's collaborative approach in seeking an 1115 demonstration waiver from the federal government. Through this process, Medicaid expansion in Kentucky should be preserved and strengthened while improving patient care and being good stewards of the Commonwealth's resources."

**Carl Herde, CFO Baptist Health**

"As the largest healthcare system in Kentucky that provides services throughout the majority of the Commonwealth, Baptist Health looks forward to working with the Bevin administration in transforming the product offered through the Waiver as we strive together to improve the health, wellness and outcomes of Kentuckians."